

## Save the date



The 2014 NRC Conference will be held at J.W. Marriott in Palm Desert, Calif., from Sunday, January 5, through Wednesday, January 8, 2014. Updated information is available at [www.nrcma.org/go/conference](http://www.nrcma.org/go/conference), you can now register online at [www.nrcma.org/form3.cfm](http://www.nrcma.org/form3.cfm) and you can book your hotel room at the J.W. Marriott Desert Springs by calling the resort at 877-622-3140 and mentioning that you are with the NRC Conference or going online to <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/nrcma2014>. If your company is interested in an exhibit booth, go to [www.nrcma.org/go/exhibition](http://www.nrcma.org/go/exhibition).

At the conference, we'll have senior engineering and procurement executives from the major freight railroads, passenger railroads and rail transit agencies presenting the details of their organization's upcoming capital investment plans. We'll also have more than 1,000 executives from the rail construction and maintenance industry in attendance, more than 100 exhibit booths showing off the latest advances from the rail industry's finest collection of suppliers, seminars, political events and networking opportunities galore.

And given that it's in Palm Springs in January, we'll try to leave a few minutes here and there for attendees to get outside and enjoy the unique location. There are plenty of options in the area for you to spend a few free hours outside enjoying the weather – a multitude of golf courses, hiking trails through the valleys and the mountains, art museums

and even a spectacular tram that will take you 6,000 feet up the cliffs of the Chino Canyon.

Make your plans to attend now and I'll see you in California in January.

I also hope to see everyone at the AREMA/REMSA/RSI/RSSI Railway Interchange, September 29 - October 2, in Indianapolis, Ind. It's the continent's biggest rail show, it only happens once every two years and it's a can't-miss event.

I'd like to remind NRC members about one of our staff members who can be a tremendous resource to you - Tabitha Layman. Tabitha is our grassroots coordinator and is available to help NRC members coordinate visits from congressmen, governors and other elected officials to members' headquarters, construction sites and manufacturing facilities to demonstrate the importance of rail construction to the national economy. It's good, free publicity for your company, it helps the NRC develop strong relationships with key decision makers and the politicians like getting their picture in the paper – a win-win-win for everybody. I encourage you to get in touch with Tabitha in the NRC office by calling 202-715-1245 or emailing [tlayman@nrcma.org](mailto:tlayman@nrcma.org).

Until next time, work safe and keep these around you working safe.

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